

## A Bit of Laughter Goes a Long Way



By Cpl. Benjamin Cossel

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CAMP COOKE- The *Comics on Duty* World Tour rolled through Camp Cooke on May 20 providing much-needed time off and a dose of laughter to Soldiers.

"Since the beginning of the year, the *Comics on Duty* tour has made 52 appearances in Iraq, and man, do we just love coming here to see all of you," Robert Davis, executive producer for the tour, said.

**(Top Left) "You must be a MARINE!" exclaims Chris Alpine to a Soldier who caught one of his jokes a little late. The many styles of humor received warm responses from the audience but none received more laughter than those at the expense of other branches of service. (Bottom Left) Bob Perkell was one of five comedians entertaining Soldiers on Camp Cooke during the Comics on Duty tour at the Tent Dining Facility May 20.**

The Soldiers were able to take a break from the rigors and stress of daily life in Iraq and enjoy the comic styling of Steve Mazan, Jeffrey Steele, Bob Perkell, PJ Walsh and Chris Alpine.

"This is exactly what I needed," Pfc. Jesse Lumm of the 615th Aviation Support Battalion said. "I get some time off from work to be here for about an hour or so, sit and hang out with my buddies and get to see a good show; hope-

fully get a laugh or two. We've been working pretty much non-stop since we got here so the break is really nice."

The Soldiers laughed as the comics joked about single life, military life, and being in Iraq. But the most laughs came from the jokes that were made at the expense of the other branches of service.

"You must be a Marine," comedian Chris Alpine said as one Soldier's laughter started

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Photos by Cpl. Benjamin Cossel, 122nd MPAD  
**(Above) Col. James McConville, commander, 4th Brigade Combat Team, presents plaques of appreciation to all the comedians who entertained his Soldiers.**

## 5th BCT Helps Iraq Civil Defense Corps Go the Distance

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CAMP FERRIN-HUGGINS- A group of Soldiers from the 5th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, have been busy training and equipping the 304th Iraqi Civil Defense Corps (ICDC) Infantry Battalion since they

arrived here in March. The ICDC Soldiers were provided with new boots, new uniforms, and most recently with a new dining facility at the ICDC compound at Camp Ferrin-Huggins.

The dining facility was presented to ICDC Soldiers from Headquarters, Alpha and

Delta companies during a ceremony which took place May 16. The dinner meal included fresh fruit, chicken, lamb, rice and soda. The new facility is significant to the ICDC Soldiers who were previously using a tent, said Staff Sgt. Staff Sgt. Harry Spears, the ICDC Senior Advisor with 5th Brigade Headquarters.

"These guys were eating outside for every meal they ate," Spears said. "They had one tent, but most of them didn't want to eat in it because it was hot and there were a lot of flies."

Now they have an indoor facility complete with air con-

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# Spur The Moment

## What do you do to pump up for a mission?

"I think of how exciting it is, it's cool stories to tell your kids."



**PFC Trevor Mueller,  
HHC 1CD FSE**

"I pray."



**SGT David Hee,  
411 Eng.**

"I talk to my Soldiers, get them pumped up, that gets me pumped up."



**WO Torquino Wiles,  
4-5 ADA**

"I think about different scenarios, and make sure my Soldiers come back alive."



**SGT Richard Castro,  
Co. B, 2-82 FA**

Photos by Spc. Michelle Newbold, 1st Cavalry Division PAO

## Comedians Earn Soldiers' Laughs

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long after a joke was delivered. The crowd burst into uproarious laughter and claps of appreciation that caused the comedian to stop for a minute to let the audience settle before he could continue.

"I think the show was a huge success," 1st Lt. Tavares Tukes, of the 4th BCT, said. "I'm really glad we were able to bring the show to Camp Cooke. The Soldiers have been working really hard and deserve to laugh and forget about work and where they're at, even if it's just for a little bit."

Originally scheduled to take place in April the tour was rescheduled due to security concerns at the time. Davis said the tour was easy to get back on track, because of the comics' commitment.

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"These guys really love what they do and they love bringing a little bit of humor to the troops, Davis said. "All of them had to cancel all of their shows for the month of April to be here, when we found out we had to reschedule in May, not a single one hesitated to cancel all the shows they had at that time and be here to entertain the troops."

In appreciation for the show, Col. James McConville, the 4BCT commander, presented Davis and each of the comedians with a plaque.

Holding the plaque above his head, Davis said to the crowd, "We want to thank you all for having us, you all in the audience are the real heroes. Be safe, and get home soon, we love and miss all you."

### Baghdad, Iraq

**Tuesday**  
High: 102  
Low: 77



**Wednesday**  
High: 100  
Low: 72



**Thursday**  
High: 103  
Low: 74



Weather information provided by 1CD Staff Weather Office (SWO)

## Useful Iraqi Words/Phrases

coffee  
tea  
water  
milk

ga-hwa  
cha-yy  
may  
Ha-leeb

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## BEAT THE HEAT

THE BEST DEFENSE  
IN BEATING THE HEAT IS PREVENTION:

### If you must be out in the heat:

- o Limit your outdoor activities to early morning and evening hours.
- o Cut down on exercise/physical activity. If you must exercise or work outside, drink two to four glasses of cool fluids each hour.
- o Try to rest often in a shady area.
- o Protect yourself from the sun by wearing a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses. Also, use sunscreen with an SPF15 or higher effectiveness.
- o Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing.
- o Caution, drinking sports drinks alone is not adequate; balance your intake of water and electrolytes.
- o Some people are at greater risk in the heat than others. Check regularly on:

- ✓ Those that had prior heat injuries.
- ✓ Those who are physically ill, especially with heart disease or high blood pressure.

If you suspect that you or your battle buddy is suffering from a heat related illness, do not hesitate to seek medical assistance.



Killeen Daily Herald

**Rainbow D. Clown paints a Spider-Man face on Luke Wing of Harker Heights during the end-of-school block party Thursday in the Skipcha Mountain subdivision of the city.**

## FIRST TEAM

# Respect, Cohesion Important in ICDC Team Building



By Spc. Andy Miller, 122nd MPAD

**Iraqi Civil Defense Corps (ICDC) Soldiers crowd around the entrance to a new dining facility at the ICDC compound at Camp Ferrin-Huggins. The new dining facility includes air conditioning and replaces a tent the ICDC Soldiers had been using.**

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ditioning and plumbing. And the food there is better than what most of the Soldiers are accustomed to, an Iraqi interpreter with 5th Brigade said.

"They eat better here than at their homes," the interpreter said. "They don't have meat or chicken everyday with their family at their home."

Providing ICDC Soldiers with good food, good equipment and good training is part of the overall plan for a sovereign Iraq. Eventually the ICDC Soldiers at Camp Ferrin-Huggins could take the place of Americans who are providing security in Iraq's Al Rashid district.

"Eventually, we want them to stand on their own," Spears said. "What we want to do is work ourselves out of a job."

To gain the trust of the ICDC soldiers under their tutelage, it's important for American Soldiers to show them respect, said Staff Sgt. Gabriel Goss, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the 304th Delta platoon. Efforts to bring them better equipment and living conditions can go along way toward earning the respect of the ICDC Soldiers, he continued.

"[The ceremony today] shows a little bit of the cohesion that we've built with the ICDC soldiers," Goss said. "It shows them that we are giving them; a lot of the respect and recognition that they deserve."

Future improvements planned for the ICDC compound include a medical center, new barracks buildings and vehicles.





## Today in Cavalry History June 1

**1917** - The 21st Field Artillery was organized at Camp Wilson, Texas.

**1926** - The 1st Medical Squadron was activated and assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division at Fort Bliss, Texas.

**1930** - The 8th Engineer Battalion was reorganized, redesignated as the 8th Engineer Squadron and remained assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division.

**1942** - 68th Chemical Company activated at Edgewood Arsenal, Md.

**1943** - The first echelon of the 1st Cavalry Division, elements of the 5th and 7th Cavalry Regiment and the 8th Engineer Combat Squadron boarded the USS Maui at Camp Stoneman, Calif. and departed for the Pacific theater.

## Syracuse Orange Win 9th Title

► From AP

BALTIMORE- Syracuse won its ninth NCAA lacrosse championship, getting five assists from Mike Powell and overcoming a gritty effort by Navy in a 14-13 victory Monday.

In a game that featured 10 ties and five lead changes, Syracuse (15-2) used a three-goal run late in the fourth quarter to go up 14-12. Ian Dingman scored for Navy with 40 seconds left, but the Orange held on to earn their third title in five years.

Brian Nee had three goals for Syracuse, which also won the title in 2000 and 2002.

Jon Birsner had two goals and three assists for Navy (15-3), playing in only its second title game and vying for its first NCAA lacrosse title. The second-seeded Midshipmen were the sentimental choice, especially on Memorial Day with

the country at war, but the fourth-seeded Orange prevailed in part because of their experience in big games.

Paid attendance was 43,898, the largest crowd ever to watch the NCAA lacrosse championship game.

Powell, a senior, was voted the Most Outstanding Player in the tournament.



AP

**Syracuse's Michael Powell (22) pressures Navy goalie Matt Russell, left, during the first quarter of the championship game in the division one NCAA Lacrosse Championships, Monday, May 31, in Baltimore.**

## Today in History

### June 1

► From [historychannel.com](http://historychannel.com)

**1779** Benedict Arnold court-martialed  
**1864** The Battle of Cold Harbor begins  
**1941** Crete falls to German forces  
**1942** News of Chelmno (Poland) death camp killings becomes public for first time  
**1949** Lawrence Welk's band debuts on the radio show *High Life Review*  
**1967** The Beatles release the album *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*  
**1968** Helen Keller dies



## NHL

### STANLEY CUP FINALS (Best of 7 series)

Tampa Bay 1  
Calgary 0  
(Series tied 2-2)



## NBA

### CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best of 7 series)

### Eastern Conference

Los Angeles 96  
Minnesota 90  
(Los Angeles wins series 4-3)



## MLB

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Baltimore 13  
Boston 4

Detroit 8  
Kansas City 4

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Atlanta 8  
Montreal 2  
(Rookie hits first homer in win)

Chicago 3  
Houston 1

Cincinnati 9  
Florida 7  
(Griffey passes Gehrig for 20th on HR list)

## TV GUIDE

	AFN ATLANTIC	AFN PACIFIC	AFN Sports	AFN Spectrum
6 p.m.	Lizzie McGuire/ All That!	Tonight Show with Jay Leno/ The Late Show with David Letterman	FIM World Superbike Series	Star Wars: Episode IV: A New Hope 4 p.m./ Ebert & Roeper At the Movies 6:30 p.m.
7 p.m.	Jeopardy/ Headline News	Access Hollywood 7:30 p.m.	SportsCenter	The Wild Thornberrys/ Spongebob Squarepants
8 p.m.	ESPNNews/ Headline News	Popeye	French Open Tennis: Quarterfinals	The Simpsons/ Happy Days
9 p.m.	Saving Private Ryan	Sliding Doors 9:45 p.m.		Monk
10 p.m.				ER